

Church Work.

Sisters' S. C. E.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

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THREE LESSONS.

There are three lessons I would write,
Three words as with a golden pen,
In tracings of eternal light
Upon the hearts of men.

Have hope! Though clouds environ round,
And gladness hides her face in scorn,
Put thou the shadow from thy brow,
No night but has its morn.

Have faith! Where'er thy bark is driven,
The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth,
Know this, God rules the hosts of heaven,
The inhabitants of earth!

Have love! Not love alone for one,
But man as man thy brother call;
And scatter, like the circling sun,
Thy charities on all.

Thus grave these words upon thy soul,
Hope, faith and love; and thou shalt find
Strength when life's surges maddest roll,
Light, when thou else wert blind.

—SCHILLER.

Selected by Bertha Kelso, Carleton, Neb.

CORNELL, S. S. C. E.

DEAR SISTERS:—Perhaps some of you would be interested to know what we are doing here for the Sister's Society. We meet every Wednesday afternoon; we open our meeting with singing, prayer, and Bible reading, the secretary then calls the roll and each member responds with a word of testimony. This we believe to be very strengthening to the society; next we take up collection with every member paying five cents. We devote the rest of the time sewing; we tie comforts, quilt, piece quilts, sew carpet-rags, do family sewing, etc. The society is growing and the average attendance is good. Our membership consists of twenty-two.

We had an oyster supper on the 19th of December, gave a free invitation to the poor. It is a common occurrence for us to make a dinner and invite our friends in who have plenty, but how many of us make a feast and invite in the poor as God's Word tells us to do. It has been a year since we organized; during this time we have paid \$24.00 for the church, have \$14.00 in the treasury, and 25 yards of carpet for sale. We pride ourselves, thinking we have done well, for a little band that we are. I believe every sister in the Brethren church should be interested in this society. But I hear some say, I have too much work to do at home, time is too precious, to waste going to societies. 'Tis true we that have a home, and a family, can always find plenty to do. But I believe our work can be so arranged, so as to give us some spare time, to work for the Lord. Send in your

name as a member of the Sisters' Society, even if you can attend only part of the time; Christ sacrificed so much for us, why cannot we sacrifice a little for him. A sister of our society, who all last summer, was not able to attend our meetings sent her nickle each week. Oh, for more such zealous workers like this, and the Brethren church would soon be equal to other churches. I am glad the editor has set a part a place, in the EVANGELIST, for the S. S. C. E. and requested the president or secretary of each society to write in regard to their work, so each society will become familiar with each other, and can help one another in this way. As yet I have heard but few responds but I believe the sisters are all busy at work and only waiting an opportunity to write. This is a beginning of a new year, let us all be up and doing endeavoring to double this year what we did last.

MRS. ALICE J. HOLMES, Pres.

Missionary Items.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

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PENNSYLVANIA MISSION BOARD.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

For 1st. quarter ending Jan. 1st, 1895.	
Belle Burkhart,	\$.25
Summit Mills Church,	7 00
Jone's Mills Church, W. A. Harmon,	4 25
Mt. Vernon " " "	2 75
New Enterprise Church,	10 00
McAllisterville, Church	2 80
McKees Church,	3 50
Altoona Church,	1 50

Total to Jan. 1st. 32 05

Wake up pastors: The people will respond if but asked. There is plenty of work for the evangelist and a considerable amount yet due him for work already done. Will report all moneys through the BRETHREN EVANGELIST unless accompanied by the cost of private receipt. Who is next? New Enterprise ahead!

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

THE MISSION WORK.

The success of the church depends on the success of mission work, one fails when the other fails. I read of a man who had a house devoted to missions, one side he called home missions, the other side he called foreign missions, when one moved, the other moved also. His unique idea was a correct one, one line of missions must depend on the other; as a church we must depend on mission work, what has been done will not do for what ought to be done.

The National Board is one authorized by the church. It framed in last Convention a method to raise money for its work: "Resolved, that the church be requested to pay into the treasury of the National Mission Board, an average of ten cents per member, each year," this to be paid in two payments, or all at one time if desired. Now why not attend to the matter, and get it off.

It is said when Cromwell went into power, he visited a public building and noticing some statuary in silver, he asked what it meant; those near, said, they are the twelve apostles. Replied Cromwell, melt and mould them into coin and let them go about doing good. If many of those resolutions were melted into action, more workers could go about doing good.

Does the church realize the needs of the work, and her wonderful opportunities for doing good. I visited a home yesterday where there was poverty and illness, the sunken eyes of the little child, her pale cheeks, swollen lips, and pitiful moans appealed to one's sympathy. That is just the condition of the world, diseased, suffering, and helpless, and if men and women would only stop and reflect, they would soon see cause for immediate action.

Suppose Christ had not acted as missionary to this world, what would have been our spiritual condition. His last commission was: "Go." It is strange that so many can see the "baptizing" but cannot see the "Go," something wrong somewhere, what is it? Better get rid of it, or I am afraid as a church, if the King should come, like the man without the wedding garment, we would be speechless.

The following is well said: The system of redemption from first to last is one grand system of giving. God loved the world and gave his only-begotten Son to save it from eternal ruin; the Son loved us, and gave himself to die for us. He gave "his life a ransom for many." This giving does not rest at the point of bounty, but passes on to that of inconceivable sacrifice; every man, on whose spirit the true light of redemption breaks, finds himself an heir to an inheritance of givings which began on the eve of time, and will keep pace with the course of eternity. To giving he owes his all; in giving he sees the substantial evidence he can offer that he is a grateful debtor; and self-sacrifice of him to whom he trusts says, far more pathetically than words can say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Christianity ordains that giving shall be both bountiful and cheerful. It does not satisfy the demands of our religion that we give; we must give much. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly." This refers to the amount of gifts. But Christianity is not content here; that unsparing amount must be given with a cheerful heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Let us awake and put that thousand dollars in the Lord's pocket book.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.